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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Bruce G. Kania
Title: Treatment Devices Providing Targeted Antimicrobial Action
Examiner/GAU: Kim M. Lewis/3743

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

Claims:

Amend claim 12 as follows:

12. A treatment device, comprising:
an antimicrobial sheet material containing a bactericidal metal; and
a dental appliance for retaining said antimicrobial sheet material in a
selected position engaging a treatment site so that, when said antimicrobial sheet
material is in said selected position, said antimicrobial sheet material releases
metal ions to said treatment site when wetted.

Amend claim 13 as follows:

13. The composition as recited in claim 12, wherein at least a portion
of said bactericidal metal is silver.